COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, *the* *25th of Karkadagam 1103.* / *9th of August 1928.*

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Deputy President in the Chair. Messrs. A. S. Harihara Ayyar, K. T. Mathew and Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Sub-Inspector Mr. Achyutan.

114. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) on what principle Sub-Inspector, Mr. Achyutan, of the Ernakulam Cusba Station, who is a native of Panavally, Travancore, was entertained in Cochin Service ;

(b) 1. does he possess the height and chest measurement required for appointment in the Police Force under the Standing Orders ;

(2) if not, has he been exempted from it ; if he has, what was the special reason to show this undue consideration to a Travancorean ?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur—(a) As he has landed interest in Cochin State.

(b) 1. Yes.

2. The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether he has any property in his own name in the State ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice for that. Unfortunately the Police Member is not present. The qualifications for appointments have been defined that the applicant's parents, either of them, should be born in Cochin or he or his family should own landed properties in Cochin.

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Mr. K. J. Antony.—That is what I ask. Whether he has got in his own name landed property in Cochin?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot give the information now.

Transfer of a peon in the P. W. D.

115. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a copy of the petition submitted by peon A. J. Michael praying for a transfer from the P. W. D. Northern Division?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—No. Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by doing so.

Peon Chathu Nayar of the P. W. D.

116. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) whether peon Chathu Nayar of the P. W. D., Northern Division, is made to drive the car of the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, and (b) as such whether his services as peon are lost to the Department;

2. (2) whether peon Chathu Nayar is permitted to claim the travelling allowance by train from Vadakkancheri to Palghat and the daily allowance from Palghat to Chittur when he drives the car for the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, from Vadakkancheri to Chittur on official business and (b) if so, why he is allowed to do so while the Assistant Engineer himself claims only mileage for such trips?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—1. (a) Yes.

(b) No.

2. (a) Yes.

(b) The Assistant Engineer does not claim mileage for such trips but only trainage and daily allowance. The forepart of the question does not therefore arise.

117. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(1) when did the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, go to Madras last on official duty and whether he took his peon Chathu Nayar with him to Madras then;

(2) whether Chathu Nayar was allowed to draw in advance a sum of Rs. 20 towards his T. A. to go to Madras along with the Assistant Engineer and whether he actually went to Madras;

(3) if Chathu Nayar (peon) did not go to Madras, was the amount of Rs. 20 returned by him at once to the Government; and if not, why not;

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